

Letcher will celebrate the 125th anniversary of its founding this year.

Located in Sanborn County, Letcher was named after O.T. Letcher, who was Assistant Secretary of Dakota Territory at the time. Since its beginning in 1883, Letcher has been a strong reflection of South Dakota's values and traditions. As they celebrate this milestone anniversary, I am confident that Letcher will continue to thrive and succeed for the next 125 years.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Letcher on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING SANFORD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize the University of South Dakota's Sanford School of Medicine. Founded in 1907, the school will celebrate its 100th anniversary this year.

Throughout the past 100 years, the Sanford School of Medicine has served the State of South Dakota through its excellence in education and research. The school has earned a reputation as one of the best rural medicine and family medicine programs in the Nation. Consistently on the cutting edge of research, Sanford Medical School has world-class programs in heart disease, cell biology, multiple sclerosis, antibiotics, and rural health.

I am confident that the high standard of excellence that has been achieved at the Sanford School of Medicine will continue thanks in part to the generous donation of Sioux Falls businessman, T. Denny Sanford. Sanford's generous gift of \$20 million has allowed and will continue to allow the school to develop into a leading research and training institution. In addition, the Sanford School of Medicine is currently constructing the Lee School of Medicine Building, a new high-tech science facility. These improvements will allow the school to continue to serve as a prominent medical institution in the State of South Dakota and across the Nation for the next 100 years.

I offer my congratulations to the Sanford School of Medicine on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING THE SOUTH DAKOTA NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize the South Dakota Newspaper Association as they celebrate their 125th anniversary this year.

Throughout the past 125 years, the SDNA has consistently provided outstanding service to the State of South Dakota. We count on our news organizations to keep the public informed and to promote a sense of community within our State. Currently representing 138 weekly and daily newspapers from

all over South Dakota, the SDNA allows newspapers to more effectively perform their role of keeping citizens up-to-date on world events. As they celebrate this milestone anniversary, I am confident that the SDNA will continue to thrive and succeed for the next 125 years.

It gives me great pleasure to rise with the South Dakota Newspaper Association and to congratulate them on this historic occasion. I wish them and all of South Dakota's newspapers continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry, nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 698. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1425. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4551 East 52nd Street in Odessa, Texas, as the "Staff Sergeant Marvin 'Rex' Young Post Office Building".

H.R. 2077. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20805 State Route 125 in Blue Creek, Ohio, as the "George B. Lewis Post Office Building".

H.R. 2078. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14536 State Route 136 in Cherry Fork, Ohio, as the "Staff Sergeant Omer 'O.T.' Hawkins Post Office".

H.R. 2272. An act to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 698. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1425. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4551 East 52nd Street in Odessa, Texas, as the "Staff Sergeant Marvin 'Rex' Young Post

Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2077. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20805 State Route 125 in Blue Creek, Ohio, as the "George B. Lewis Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2078. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14536 State Route 136 in Cherry Fork, Ohio, as the "Staff Sergeant Omer T. 'O.T.' Hawkins Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2272. An act to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1984. A communication from the Under Secretary, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Data Collection Related to the Participation of Faith-Based and Community Organizations" ((RIN0584-AD43)(FNS-2007-0005)) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1985. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the competitive sourcing efforts of the Department during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1986. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General William G. Boykin, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1987. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Dell L. Dailey, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1988. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Excessive Pass-Through Charges" (DFARS Case 2006-D057) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1989. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deletion of Obsolete Acquisition Procedures" (DFARS Case 2006-D046) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1990. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Military Construction on Guam"